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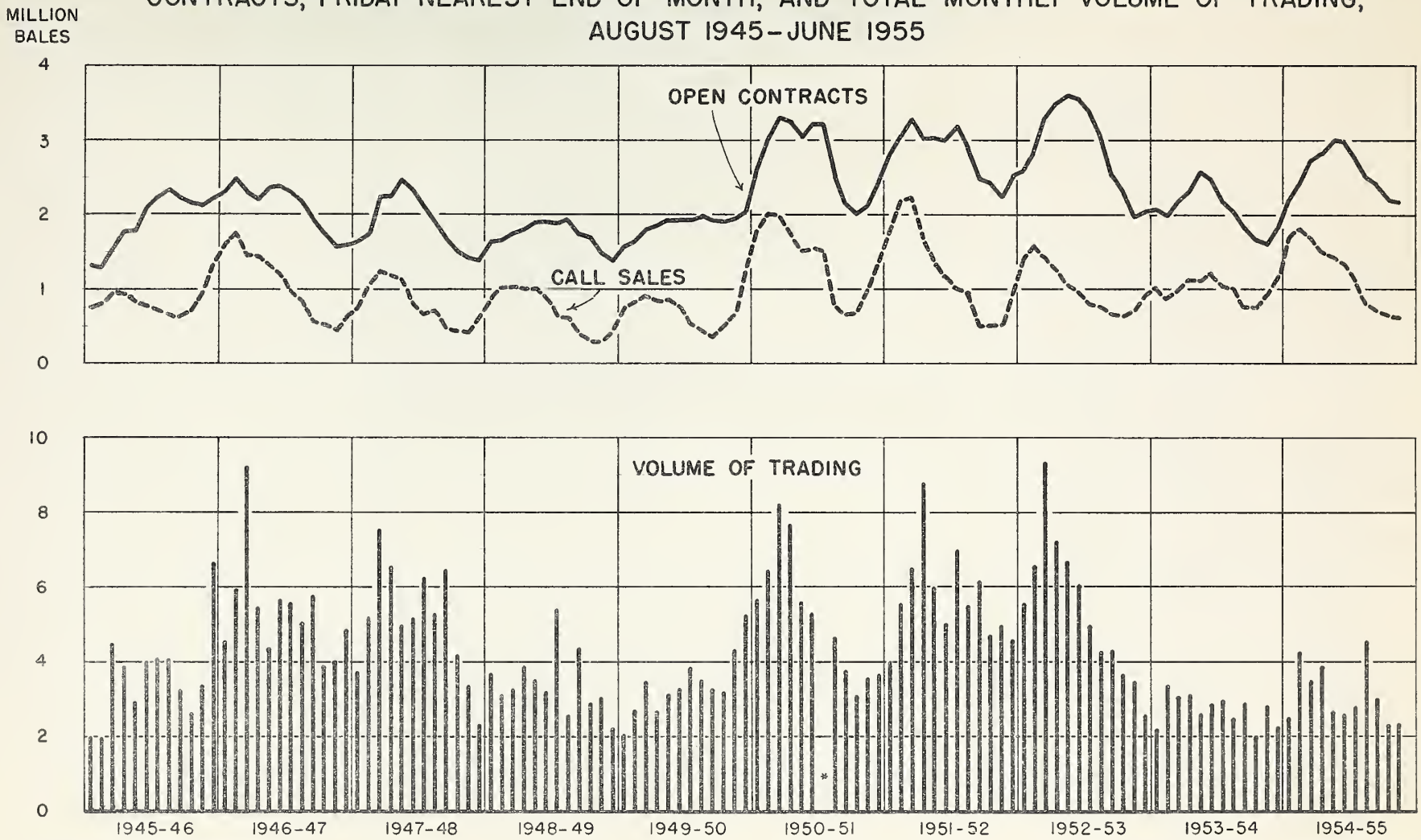

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Table 1. - Cotton: Volume of trading and month-end open contracts, all futures combined on the New York Cotton Exchange, by months, 1953-54 to 1955-56

Month	Cumulative volume of trading				Month-end open contracts		
	1943-44 1952-53 Average	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
August	35,039	21,654	24,705	22,793	20,681	21,268	21,563
September	78,590	55,084	66,927		19,839	24,223	
October	134,364	85,457	101,635		21,980	27,086	
November	185,322	116,363	140,032		23,217	28,002	
December	225,468	142,162	166,531		25,695	29,690	
January	267,713	170,469	192,369		24,469	29,619	
February	309,262	199,844	219,942		21,679	27,289	
March	348,541	224,247	265,189		20,801	24,819	
April	390,370	253,095	295,003		18,227	23,782	
May	422,549	272,892	317,697		16,578	21,908	
June	458,000	300,788	340,479		15,677	21,661	
July	494,339	323,115	367,939		18,232	21,001	

Table 2. - Cotton: Volume of trading, New York Cotton Exchange, August 1955

Date	All Futures	Future		
		1955 Oct.	1955 Dec.	1956 Mar.
1955 August	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
1	1,178	291	399	83
2	742	138	283	110
3	775	178	317	137
4	1,074	223	307	104
5	1,230	283	386	170
Saturday				
Sunday				
8	1,631	293	579	175
9	799	120	213	140
10	929	173	246	96
11	882	247	219	46
12	755	173	247	95
Saturday				
Sunday				
15	1,701	290	416	236
16	1,496	253	406	265
17	709	162	174	107
18	875	226	323	110
19	1,377	408	411	161
Saturday				
Sunday				
22	1,146	163	346	145
23	702	201	247	85
24	938	142	265	200
25	804	134	226	104
26	738	159	288	70
Saturday				
Sunday				
29	589	61	290	79
30	946	144	316	221
31	777	146	306	85
Total				
Aug. '55	22,793	4,608	7,210	3,024
July '55	24,676	6,638	7,116	3,086
Aug. '54	24,705	4,342	7,787	4,550

Table 2. - Cotton: Volume of trading, New York Cotton Exchange, August 1955 -- Continued

Date	Future			
	1956 May	1956 July	1956 Oct.	1956 Dec.
1955 August	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
1	261	80	56	8
2	121	79	6	5
3	64	65	13	1
4	217	113	70	40
5	239	90	39	23
Saturday				
Sunday				
8	265	152	135	32
9	155	38	118	15
10	142	46	177	49
11	130	137	72	31
12	123	50	51	16
Saturday				
Sunday				
15	273	283	165	38
16	311	171	74	16
17	130	68	59	9
18	120	59	27	10
19	218	100	57	22
Saturday				
Sunday				
22	253	151	71	17
23	51	63	48	7
24	143	122	45	21
25	138	91	81	30
26	76	109	31	5
Saturday				
Sunday				
29	79	39	38	3
30	158	68	21	18
31	153	43	33	11
Total				
Aug. '55	3,820	2,217	1,487	427
July '55	3,554	2,082	1,901	299
Aug. '54	4,428	1,999	942	657

Table 3. - Cotton: Open contracts reported by clearing members, New York Cotton Exchange, August 1955

Date	All Futures	Future		
		1955 Oct.	1955 Dec.	1956 Mar.
1955 August	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
1	20,994	4,322	7,284	2,971
2	21,026	4,275	7,299	3,013
3	21,102	4,235	7,380	3,043
4	21,163	4,199	7,349	3,067
5	21,192	4,156	7,365	3,072
Saturday				
Sunday				
8	21,284	4,059	7,425	3,117
9	21,283	4,015	7,443	3,166
10	21,310	3,970	7,454	3,168
11	21,361	3,922	7,484	3,171
12	21,487	3,852	7,568	3,209
Saturday				
Sunday				
15	21,587	3,761	7,613	3,245
16	21,534	3,686	7,586	3,279
17	21,571	3,645	7,636	3,279
18	21,608	3,576	7,669	3,305
19	21,686	3,442	7,698	3,352
Saturday				
Sunday				
22	21,719	3,364	7,680	3,423
23	21,686	3,321	7,668	3,418
24	21,666	3,252	7,650	3,414
25	21,629	3,214	7,632	3,428
26	21,609	3,177	7,635	3,428
Saturday				
Sunday				
29	21,584	3,145	7,623	3,425
30	21,554	3,090	7,621	3,416
31	21,563	3,035	7,586	3,450

Table 3. - Cotton: Open contracts reported by clearing members, New York Cotton Exchange, August 1955 -- Continued

Date	Future			
	1956 May	1956 July	1956 Oct.	1956 Dec.
1955 August	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
1	3,238	1,909	1,096	174
2	3,281	1,892	1,097	169
3	3,272	1,904	1,100	168
4	3,333	1,916	1,110	189
5	3,363	1,931	1,120	185
Saturday				
Sunday				
8	3,405	1,937	1,143	198
9	3,379	1,926	1,154	200
10	3,401	1,930	1,167	220
11	3,418	1,959	1,178	229
12	3,466	1,971	1,191	230
Saturday				
Sunday				
15	3,529	1,980	1,213	246
16	3,580	1,950	1,217	236
17	3,584	1,955	1,238	234
18	3,601	1,963	1,253	241
19	3,685	1,992	1,273	244
Saturday				
Sunday				
22	3,746	1,974	1,283	249
23	3,758	1,973	1,292	256
24	3,805	1,990	1,291	264
25	3,813	1,991	1,294	257
26	3,813	1,996	1,301	259
Saturday				
Sunday				
29	3,834	2,007	1,293	257
30	3,876	2,015	1,280	256
31	3,930	2,021	1,279	262

Table 4. - Cotton: High, low and closing prices per pound, New York Cotton Exchange, August 1955

Date	1955 October Future			1955 December Future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1955 August	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
1	33.94	33.70	33.88	34.20	33.98	34.15
2	33.97	33.90	33.93	34.22	34.13	34.15-16
3	33.93	33.85	33.87	34.13	34.03	34.06-07
4	33.88	33.73	33.74	34.02	33.90	33.90
5	33.84	33.61	33.68	34.04	33.80	33.91-94
Saturday						
Sunday						
8	33.71	33.46	33.64	33.93	33.65	33.82
9	33.64	33.54	33.64	33.77	33.71	33.75
10	33.67	33.57	33.57	33.77	33.72	33.72
11	33.69	33.58	33.67-69	33.80	33.72	33.79-80
12	33.70	33.65	33.68	33.78	33.75	33.77
Saturday						
Sunday						
15	33.86	33.74	33.74	33.97	33.77	33.79-80
16	33.86	33.75	33.79	33.93	33.79	33.85-86
17	33.85	33.78	33.80	33.88	33.83	33.88
18	33.94	33.79	33.94	33.97	33.85	33.96
19	34.02	33.92	33.97	33.98	33.90	33.93-96
Saturday						
Sunday						
22	34.00	33.91	33.92	33.91	33.85	33.90
23	33.92	33.78	33.78-79	33.84	33.77	33.77-78
24	33.84	33.78	33.84	33.78	33.72	33.75
25	33.96	33.78	33.81	33.84	33.71	33.72
26	33.79	33.72	33.74-75	33.71	33.66	33.68
Saturday						
Sunday						
29	33.75	33.70	33.74	33.68	33.62	33.62-64
30	33.79	33.65	33.65	33.69	33.60	33.60-62
31	33.72	33.65	33.70-71	33.67	33.60	33.60-61

Table 4. - Cotton: High, low and closing prices per pound, New York Cotton Exchange, August 1955 -- Continued

Date	1956 March Future			1956 May Future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1955 August	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
1	34.13	33.93	34.09	34.28	34.05	34.22
2	34.12	34.04	34.06	34.28	34.18	34.18
3	34.01	33.90	33.92	34.13	34.06	34.09b
4	33.87	33.80	33.82	34.06	33.98	34.00
5	33.92	33.72	33.80	34.08	33.93	34.02-05
Saturday						
Sunday						
8	33.82	33.56	33.71	34.03	33.77	33.90
9	33.69	33.60	33.68-69	33.87	33.77	33.83
10	33.70	33.63	33.63-64	33.83	33.75	33.76
11	33.71	33.61	33.70	33.83	33.73	33.81-82
12	33.74	33.71	33.71-72	33.84	33.79	33.80
Saturday						
Sunday						
15	33.91	33.61	33.61	34.00	33.62	33.62
16	33.63	33.50	33.56	33.65	33.53	33.62
17	33.59	33.54	33.58	33.65	33.61	33.64
18	33.65	33.56	33.65	33.71	33.61	33.69
19	33.66	33.54	33.55	33.73	33.60	33.60
Saturday						
Sunday						
22	33.56	33.50	33.55	33.58	33.52	33.57
23	33.54	33.50	33.50	33.59	33.52	33.53
24	33.47	33.42	33.42-43	33.53	33.47	33.47
25	33.51	33.39	33.42	33.56	33.44	33.44
26	33.40	33.33	33.38-40	33.42	33.36	33.41
Saturday						
Sunday						
29	33.35	33.31	33.31	33.39	33.32	33.32-33
30	33.34	33.19	33.20	33.37	33.24	33.24
31	33.32	33.23	33.29	33.33	33.25	33.31

Table 4. - Cotton: High, low and closing prices per pound, New York Cotton Exchange, August 1955 -- Continued

Date	1956 July Future			1956 October Future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1955 August	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
1	33.75	33.57	33.70-71	33.40	33.23	33.32
2	33.76	33.62	33.65	33.36	33.34	33.34n
3	33.62	33.54	33.58b	33.30	33.25	33.26b-27a
4	33.55	33.48	33.50	33.22	33.16	33.18
5	33.66	33.47	33.57b	33.32	33.13	33.26b-28a
Saturday:						
Sunday						
8	33.61	33.35	33.47	33.29	32.94	33.02-03
9	33.42	33.38	33.41b-42a	32.97	32.90	32.92
10	33.39	33.28	33.28	32.83	32.53	32.62
11	33.33	33.19	33.30	32.69	32.49	32.63
12	33.33	33.25	33.25	32.68	32.51	32.52-53
Saturday:						
Sunday						
15	33.42	33.08	33.08	32.68	32.32	32.43
16	33.13	32.98	33.04n	32.49	32.38	32.46
17	33.08	33.02	33.03	32.50	32.37	32.38
18	33.07	32.98	33.05	32.45	32.33	32.45
19	33.05	32.90	32.92	32.49	32.39	32.41
Saturday:						
Sunday						
22	32.86	32.78	32.81	32.38	32.27	32.38
23	32.84	32.79	32.80	32.45	32.40	32.44
24	33.00	32.79	32.98	32.61	32.45	32.58
25	33.04	32.87	32.88n	32.65	32.35	32.37
26	32.86	32.77	32.77-78	32.35	32.29	32.35
Saturday:						
Sunday						
29	32.82	32.75	32.82	32.43	32.34	32.40n
30	32.88	32.76	32.79	32.46	32.34	32.40
31	32.91	32.80	32.84-86	32.52	32.43	32.50

Table 4. - Cotton: High, low and closing prices per pound, New York Cotton Exchange, August 1955 -- Continued

Date	1956 December Future		
	High	Low	Closing
1955 August	cents	cents	cents
1	33.30	33.16	33.22b-24a
2	33.30	33.29	33.24n
3	33.18	33.18	33.17b
4	33.14	33.05	33.11b-13a
5	33.15	33.07	33.19b-21a
Saturday			
Sunday			
8	33.23	32.87	32.99
9	32.89	32.84	32.86n
10	32.73	32.50	32.54n
11	32.54	32.34	32.48
12	32.58	32.40	32.39b-41a
Saturday			
Sunday			
15	32.62	32.25	32.35
16	32.37	32.30	32.26n
17	32.42	32.34	32.31n
18	32.31	32.29	32.36b
19	32.41	32.33	32.33
Saturday			
Sunday			
22	32.30	32.28	32.32n
23	32.39	32.33	32.38n
24	32.55	32.42	32.50
25	32.55	32.27	32.29n
26	32.28	32.26	32.28
Saturday			
Sunday			
29	32.36	32.30	32.32
30	32.41	32.30	32.32b-33a
31	32.46	32.40	32.42n

Table 5. - Cotton: Volume of trading and month-end open contracts, all futures combined on the New Orleans Cotton Exchange by months, 1953-54 to 1955-56

Month	Cumulative volume of trading				Month-end open contracts		
	1943-44 1952-53 Average	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
August	15,891	7,240.0	9,305.5	6,439.5	6,001.5	6,770.5	3,949.0
September	33,546	19,318.5	24,727.0		5,816.0	7,010.0	
October	54,674	30,614.5	36,192.0		7,018.0	8,285.0	
November	73,961	41,060.5	49,868.0		7,692.5	8,877.0	
December	92,516	49,952.5	59,503.0		8,230.0	9,482.0	
January	113,254	61,132.0	70,433.5		7,565.0	8,907.0	
February	133,770	72,252.0	81,833.0		6,717.0	8,395.0	
March	154,754	81,550.5	101,875.0		6,604.5	6,002.5	
April	176,807	93,558.5	113,363.5		5,480.0	5,364.0	
May	194,543	100,077.0	121,099.0		5,650.0	4,583.0	
June	211,799	109,844.5	128,384.0		4,829.0	4,320.0	
July	229,615	119,447.0	137,098.5		6,027.5	3,949.5	

Table 6. - Cotton: Volume of trading, New Orleans Cotton Exchange, August 1955

Date	All Futures	Future		
		1955 Oct.	1955 Dec.	1956 Mar.
1955 August	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
1	316.5	56.5	138	29
2	315.5	32	135	27
3	257.5	41	74	28
4	383.5	83.5	133	30.5
5	346.5	65.5	111	18
Saturday				
Sunday				
8	472.5	58.5	213.5	23.5
9	139.5	21.5	34.5	13
10	301.5	53.5	31	19
11	307.5	46	59.5	3.5
12	195	22	36	10
Saturday				
Sunday				
15	461.5	71.5	120.5	26
16	467	47.5	170	23
17	188	12.5	20.5	12.5
18	215	40	76	10
19	287	88.5	64.5	24
Saturday				
Sunday				
22	299.5	36	51.5	61.5
23	261.5	88	53	13.5
24	185.5	26.5	40	14
25	243.5	28	75.5	8.5
26	276.5	68.5	83.5	18
Saturday				
Sunday				
29	129.5	8	24	17.5
30	288.5	51	54.5	58.5
31	101	27.5	23.5	1
Total				
Aug. '55	6,439.5	1,073.5	1,822.5	489.5
July '55	8,714.5	1,986.5	2,337.0	575.5
Aug. '54	9,305.5	1,280.5	1,789.0	1,562.0

Table 6. - Cotton: Volume of trading, New Orleans Cotton Exchange, August 1955 -- Continued

Date	Future			
	1956 May	1956 July	1956 Oct.	1956 Dec.
1955 August	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
1	56	25	11	1
2	17	67.5	37	0
3	63.5	33.5	14.5	3
4	50	56	20.5	10
5	33	38	45	36
Saturday				
Sunday				
8	63	23.5	84.5	6
9	7.5	10	50	3
10	45.5	28.5	107	17
11	67	62	52.5	17
12	27	44	43	13
Saturday				
Sunday				
15	57	105.5	75	6
16	35	137	49.5	5
17	21	44.5	69	8
18	32	25	27	5
19	34	47	29	0
Saturday				
Sunday				
22	40	36.5	58	16
23	45	22	37	3
24	3.5	37	57	7.5
25	11	18.5	75	27
26	14	43.5	34.5	14.5
Saturday				
Sunday				
29	25	41	13	1
30	46.5	17	55	6
31	28	8	12	1
Total Aug. '55	821.5	970.5	1,056.0	206.0
July '55	856.5	1,094.0	1,064.0	144.0
Aug. '54	2,754.0	961.0	734.5	224.5

Table 7. - Cotton: Open contracts reported by clearing members, New Orleans Cotton Exchange, August 1955

Date	All Futures	Future		
		1955 Oct.	1955 Dec.	1956 Mar.
1955 August	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
1	3,945.5	962	1,049	338
2	3,963	962.5	1,065	355
3	3,978	938	1,061	370
4	3,993.5	931	1,046	379
5	4,105.5	939.5	1,079.5	390
Saturday				
Sunday				
8	4,155.5	927.5	1,074	395.5
9	4,176.5	922.5	1,080	394.5
10	4,155.5	896.5	1,073	401.5
11	4,125	892.5	1,077.5	405
12	4,136.5	881.5	1,087.5	407.5
Saturday				
Sunday				
15	4,110	851.5	1,093	416.5
16	4,094.5	827.5	1,071	417.5
17	4,095.5	820	1,065.5	420
18	4,107.5	818	1,062.5	421
19	4,105.5	781.5	1,068	431
Saturday				
Sunday				
22	4,081	779	1,049.5	424
23	4,063	773	1,036	418.5
24	4,024.5	759.5	1,025	421.5
25	4,012.5	753.5	1,035.5	423
26	3,994	739.5	1,021	431
Saturday				
Sunday				
29	3,985	738.5	1,023	440
30	3,949	721.5	1,015	434.5
31	3,949	716	1,007.5	435.5

Table 7. - Cotton: Open contracts reported by clearing members, New Orleans Cotton Exchange, August 1955 -- Continued

Date	Future			
	1956 May	1956 July	1956 Oct.	1956 Dec.
1955 August	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
1	487	611.5	407	91
2	491	593.5	405	91
3	525.5	581	411.5	91
4	530.5	591	417	99
5	542.5	607	440	107
Saturday				
Sunday				
8	565.5	613	475	105
9	561.5	613	499	106
10	554.5	613	505	112
11	552.5	589	492.5	116
12	551	590	510	109
Saturday				
Sunday				
15	571	579	492	107
16	569.5	603	502	104
17	558.5	593.5	538	100
18	569.5	601.5	533	102
19	577.5	607.5	538	102
Saturday				
Sunday				
22	580.5	601.5	530	116.5
23	603.5	591.5	522	118.5
24	603	578.5	524	113
25	604.5	576.5	506.5	113
26	601.5	585.5	508.5	107
Saturday				
Sunday				
29	594.5	570.5	510.5	108
30	594	569.5	507.5	107
31	605	566.5	511.5	107

Table 8. - Cotton: High, low and closing prices per pound, New Orleans Cotton Exchange, August 1955

Date	1955 October Future			1955 December Future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1955 August	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
1	33.95	33.70	33.90	34.22	34.01	34.16
2	33.96	33.90	33.91b-92a	34.24	34.17	34.18
3	33.92	33.85	33.85b-87a	34.15	34.07	34.07-08
4	33.83	33.70	33.70	34.03	33.91	33.91-92
5	33.80	33.60	33.73-75	33.99	33.82	33.96
Saturday						
Sunday						
8	33.71	33.48	33.59-60	33.93	33.66	33.80-81
9	33.61	33.55	33.60b-61a	33.77	33.73	33.76
10	33.63	33.58	33.56b-57a	33.76	33.72	33.71b-73a
11	33.68	33.57	33.64b-65a	33.77	33.72	33.77
12	33.68	33.64	33.65b-66a	33.79	33.75	33.75
Saturday						
Sunday						
15	33.85	33.74	33.76	33.93	33.79	33.80b-81a
16	33.85	33.77	33.79b-81a	33.92	33.79	33.88
17	33.82	33.78	33.81b-82a	33.89	33.85	33.89
18	33.95	33.85	33.95	33.95	33.86	33.94-95
19	34.00	33.92	34.00	33.97	33.90	33.93
Saturday						
Sunday						
22	33.98	33.89	33.91b-93a	33.93	33.83	33.88
23	33.89	33.78	33.78	33.83	33.76	33.76
24	33.82	33.78	33.81b-83a	33.79	33.74	33.75b-76a
25	33.92	33.79	33.77b-79a	33.84	33.71	33.71-73
26	33.76	33.71	33.71b-72a	33.70	33.65	33.65
Saturday						
Sunday						
29	33.73	33.70	33.70	33.66	33.62	33.62
30	33.77	33.64	33.65b-67a	33.68	33.58	33.60b-61a
31	33.69	33.66	33.66b-67a	33.65	33.60	33.63

Table 8. - Cotton: High, low and closing prices per pound, New Orleans Cotton Exchange, August 1955 -- Continued

Date	1956 March Future			1956 May Future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1955 August	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
1	34.28	34.11	34.21b-23a	34.32	34.12	34.25
2	34.27	34.23	34.20b-21a	34.32	34.23	34.21b-23a
3	34.13	34.09	34.09b-11a	34.16	34.10	34.10
4	34.05	33.95	33.95b-97a	34.07	33.96	33.99
5	34.06	33.90	34.00b-02a	34.05	33.93	34.05
Saturday						
Sunday						
8	33.97	33.74	33.83	34.03	33.76	33.87b-88a
9	33.82	33.77	33.78	33.83	33.80	33.81b-82a
10	33.78	33.74	33.72b-74a	33.82	33.74	33.75b-76a
11	33.80	33.79	33.80b-82a	33.83	33.71	33.82-83
12	33.82	33.80	33.77b-78a	33.85	33.77	33.77
Saturday						
Sunday						
15	33.84	33.76	33.71b-73a	33.93	33.62	33.64-65
16	33.72	33.65	33.69b-71a	33.65	33.57	33.62
17	33.71	33.67	33.70b-72a	33.66	33.62	33.65b-67a
18	33.77	33.68	33.76b-77a	33.71	33.61	33.67b-69a
19	33.79	33.72	33.72b-73a	33.68	33.59	33.59
Saturday						
Sunday						
22	33.72	33.65	33.70b-72a	33.56	33.49	33.54b-56a
23	33.70	33.66	33.62b-64a	33.56	33.48	33.47b-48a
24	33.66	33.60	33.61b-62a	33.51	33.48	33.47b-49a
25	33.66	33.60	33.56b-58a	33.50	33.43	33.43b-45a
26	33.55	33.51	33.51b-53a	33.40	33.35	33.36b-38a
Saturday						
Sunday						
29	33.52	33.48	33.48b-50a	33.37	33.34	33.34b-35a
30	33.52	33.37	33.38b-39a	33.36	33.21	33.25
31	33.42	33.42	33.43b-44a	33.35	33.26	33.30b-32a

Table 8. - Cotton: High, low and closing prices per pound, New Orleans Cotton Exchange, August 1955 -- Continued

Date	1956 July Future			1956 October Future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1955 August	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
1	33.74	33.53	33.70b-72a	33.41	33.23	33.32b-34a
2	33.77	33.65	33.68	33.37	33.32	33.32
3	33.60	33.55	33.58	33.30	33.25	33.25b-27a
4	33.54	33.45	33.50	33.22	33.14	33.18b-20a
5	33.60	33.46	33.60	33.26	33.10	33.25b-27a
Saturday						
Sunday						
8	33.59	33.34	33.42b-43a	33.27	32.89	32.97b-98a
9	33.40	33.35	33.38	32.94	32.85	32.87
10	33.35	33.29	33.27b-29a	32.77	32.51	32.56-58
11	33.33	33.20	33.31	32.64	32.49	32.62
12	33.34	33.22	33.22-24	32.63	32.45	32.46b-48a
Saturday						
Sunday						
15	33.34	33.08	33.08-09	32.69	32.35	32.42b-44a
16	33.14	33.00	33.06b-07a	32.43	32.34	32.44b-46a
17	33.07	33.01	33.05	32.49	32.36	32.36b-37a
18	33.04	32.98	33.04b-05a	32.39	32.32	32.37b-39a
19	33.03	32.91	32.92b-93a	32.43	32.36	32.36
Saturday						
Sunday						
22	32.87	32.79	32.82-83	32.36	32.25	32.34b-36a
23	32.85	32.80	32.80b-82a	32.41	32.35	32.41b-43a
24	32.99	32.83	32.97-98	32.60	32.45	32.53
25	33.01	32.84	33.84	32.60	32.33	32.33
26	32.82	32.78	32.77b-79a	32.35	32.29	32.33
Saturday						
Sunday						
29	32.81	32.75	32.78b-80a	32.40	32.35	32.38
30	32.85	32.75	32.77	32.41	32.31	32.34-36
31	32.89	32.82	32.85b-87a	32.50	32.45	32.46

Table 8. - Cotton: High, low and closing prices per pound, New Orleans Cotton Exchange, August 1955 -- Continued

Date	1956 December Future		
	High	Low	Closing
1955 August	cents	cents	cents
1	33.27	33.27	33.23b-25a
2	-----	-----	33.23b-25a
3	33.23	33.12	33.17b-19a
4	33.12	33.08	33.11b-13a
5	33.15	33.06	33.19b-20a
Saturday			
Sunday			
8	32.99	32.87	32.91b-93a
9	32.89	32.84	32.84
10	32.75	32.51	32.50b-52a
11	32.53	32.38	32.51b-53a
12	32.44	32.35	32.36b-39a
Saturday			
Sunday			
15	32.30	32.30	32.32b-35a
16	32.33	32.32	32.34b-37a
17	32.35	32.32	32.28b-30a
18	32.26	32.26	32.30b-31a
19	-----	-----	32.29b-30a
Saturday			
Sunday			
22	32.26	32.23	32.27b-29a
23	32.35	32.31	32.34b-36a
24	32.50	32.48	32.47b-49a
25	32.53	32.28	32.28
26	32.28	32.23	32.27b-28a
Saturday			
Sunday			
29	32.30	32.30	32.32b-34a
30	32.27	32.26	32.28b-30a
31	32.33	32.33	32.40b-41a

Table 9. - Cotton: Volume of trading and month-end open contracts, all futures combined on the Chicago Board of Trade, by months, 1953-54 to 1955-56

Month	Cumulative volume of trading				Month-end open contracts		
	1943-44 1952-53 Average	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales	100 bales
August	1,141	465.0	255.0	150.0	319.0	229.0	116.0
September	2,511	1,350.0	641.0		251.0	340.0	
October	3,940	1,881.0	943.0		239.0	402.0	
November	5,029	2,120.0	1,338.0		295.0	461.0	
December	6,084	2,381.0	1,602.0		365.0	371.0	
January	7,554	2,553.0	1,798.0		347.0	307.0	
February	9,291	2,936.0	1,935.0		294.0	263.0	
March	11,056	3,226.0	2,382.0		266.0	274.0	
April	12,941	3,451.0	2,707.0		157.0	200.0	
May	14,591	3,533.0	2,810.0		181.0	138.0	
June	16,010	3,628.0	2,970.0		152.0	91.0	
July	17,172	3,820.0	3,116.0		199.0	94.0	

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